

The PATRIOT Act debate is far from over: secret record searches must be reformed so they are focused on suspected foreign terrorists and not used to invade the private records of ordinary Americans. Congress can, and must, take steps to fix the Patriot Act to keep America both safe and free. I urge my colleagues to reject the PATRIOT Act and instead call for meaningful checks on the PATRIOT Act's extraordinary powers.

TRIBUTE TO LLOYD SMITH

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a loyal friend, a steadfast patriot, and a man without whom I could not provide the level of service to the people of Missouri's Eighth Congressional District. Lloyd Smith has devoted his professional career to our district. This month, we celebrate 25 years of his service and leadership.

For all but a few months of those 25 years, Lloyd has been a chief of staff in the Emerson office. He earned the job soon after being hired by Bill Emerson in 1981 and kept it until Bill's final days in 1996. It was Lloyd who urged me to run for this seat, and there was no hesitation when I immediately asked him to serve as my chief of staff. He has advised me in that capacity ever since.

Many things are different about the way I represent the Eighth District and the way Bill did. Lloyd has been the constant. He knows more about the Eighth District, from his Mississippi County birthplace to the sole of the Bootheel, the width and breadth of the Ozarks, the length of the Mississippi River, and all the wonderful people who live in the towns that dot our map. He knows Southern Missouri like the back of his hand.

He knows policy, politics and people just as well as he knows the topography of the district. Lloyd gets to the point quick. He is smart, true to his beliefs, and unafraid to lead. He has a tremendous sense of humor, a confident charisma, and a genuine kindness in his heart. To the many individuals who have served under him, he has been a mentor and a role model. To the two individuals he has served in Congress, Lloyd is the man to turn ideas into results. And when I run out of ideas, Lloyd always has some of those, too.

It is appropriate to thank Lloyd Smith in this venue, in an institution that has felt his influence for the past 25 years. He has served Bill and me, Missouri's Eighth District and our Nation; but, Lloyd has led each of these entities, too. I want to congratulate him, thank him, and express my deepest gratitude for all of his good work.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THERON AND NAOMI GOYNES

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Theron and Naomi Goynes for years of

service to the Clark County School District. Today the couple is honored at the formal dedication of Goynes Elementary School, which is named in their honor.

Theron Hulan Goynes was born in Texarkana, TX, in 1929. After graduating from Dunbar High School in 1947, he attended Prairie View A&M University where he majored in business administration and minored in secondary education. He graduated in 1952 with a bachelor's degree. Later that year he entered the United States Air Force and served for 4 years. After an honorable discharge, he began his career in education as a teacher. In 1963, he was awarded a master of arts degree in education administration from Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff, AZ. Theron served as a teacher, elementary assistant principal, and principal during his career with the district. His last position before retiring was principal of the Madison Sixth Grade Center.

In addition to his service with the school district, Theron served for 20 years on the North Las Vegas City Council, 12 of those years as mayor pro tempore. On September 16, 1981, he chaired the North Las Vegas City Council meeting in the absence of the mayor, thus becoming the first black elected representative to officially head a government body in Nevada's 117-year history. Theron's diverse, tireless involvement in and support of educational, civic, and community services has been exemplary. The Nevada League of Cities honored him as the "1992 Public Official of the Year." He has also received numerous awards and honors from various local, county, and State agencies and organizations in recognition of his services to the people of Clark County, the State of Nevada, and the Nation. Theron continues to serve the community on elected and appointed boards and committees.

Naomi Delores Jackson Goynes was born in Memphis, TN, in 1933. In 1956, she received her bachelor of science degree in home economics with a minor in chemistry from the University of Pine Bluff. Her first teaching assignment was in Nashville, AR. In 1970, she completed her master of arts degree in elementary education with a minor in music from Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff. She completed her educational specialist degree in educational administration with a minor in curriculum from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1977. Naomi has served the Clark County School District as a teacher, Assessment Team member, Teacher Corps Team Leader, Kindergarten Task Force member, reading specialist, high school dean, and assistant principal. At the time of her retirement, she was the assistant principal of Jim Bridger Junior High School. Naomi has worked long and hard as an educator, wife, mother, grandmother, and campaign manager for her husband. In her 42 years as an educator, she was known as being tireless, dedicated, and sensitive in her efforts to meet the needs of students, parents, and staff.

Theron and Naomi taught in Arkansas, California, and Arizona before moving to Las Vegas in 1964 to teach in Clark County School District. Collectively, they served 63 years educating youth in the Clark County School District. Theron retired in 1991 after 27 years and Naomi retired in 2000 after 36

years of service. Additionally, Theron and Naomi have been dedicated, active members of their church. They have been active leaders in the Girl Scouts of America, as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP. Theron and Naomi have been married almost 48 years and have three children and five grandchildren. All three of their children are successful college graduates and have followed in their parents' footsteps.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Theron and Naomi Goynes.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIO "PAT" AND MERCY MIRANDA

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, to pay tribute to Mr. Patricio "Pat" S. Miranda, who died unexpectedly on September 29, 2005. Sadly, 3 days after his passing, his wife, Mercy, also passed away.

After graduating from Covina High School in 1945, Pat Miranda was drafted into the United States Army and was a member of the 77th Division. While serving our Nation, he saw action in the U.S. offensive in Okinawa and received an honorable discharge in 1946 as a sergeant.

In 1957, Pat was appointed to the Irwindale Planning Commission, marking the beginning of a 44-year career of service to the city of Irwindale. In 1961, he was elected to the city council and served in various elected capacities, including mayor, for all but 3 years. Pat oversaw the growth of new homes, recreational and educational facilities, a swimming pool, post office, City Hall, police department, senior citizens building, and Las Casitas senior apartments.

During his time in elected office, Pat was a member of the initial Irwindale delegation to visit Mexico to form a sister city relationship with Salvatierra, Mexico, a relationship which was formalized in 1965. He also made it a priority for the city and its residents to have regulatory control of the mining companies to ensure that the Irwindale community was treated fairly and with respect. Additionally, Pat was a charter commander of the Irwindale V.F.W. Post 9895 and a life member of Irwindale AmVets, Irwindale Lions and Rotary Clubs.

Pat and his wife are remembered fondly by the city staff, city council members, and the Irwindale community. They are survived by three children: Sandra Pusey, Patrick J. Miranda II, and Magalee Carlson who all still reside in Irwindale, as well as four brothers, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. I extend my deepest sympathy to them during this difficult time.

The city, community, friends and family will greatly miss Pat and his wife and the many lasting contributions they made to the city of Irwindale.